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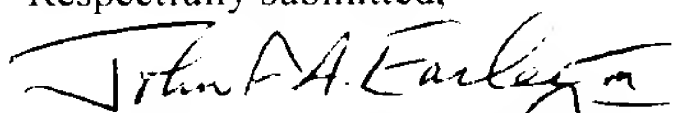
REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments in the following remarks:

- 1) In response to the rejection of claims 1-4 and 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, claims 1, 11, and 13 have been amended by substituting equivalent language intended by the "means" language objected to in the Official Action. Although it is believed that the objected to "means" language is not improper, equivalent language to it has been substituted for it in the claims in order to facilitate prosecution of the application. Applicant submits that the scope of claim coverage has not been narrowed by the amendments.
- 2) Applicant appreciates the indication that claim 5-10 are allowable.
- 3) Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 1-4 and 11-14 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, first paragraph, and these claims have been so amended.
- 4) If necessary, an appropriate extension of time to respond is respectfully requested.
- 5) The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which

may be required to Patent Office Deposit Account No. 05-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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